

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF COLLEEN K. PHILLIPS UPON HER ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 2021

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colleen K. Phillips of Hamler, Ohio, upon her election as President of the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary. Colleen Phillips's work has had a lasting influence on the American Legion Auxiliary and her community. She has proven herself as a leader and an advocate for countless veterans and their families across the state of Ohio.

Colleen has been a member of the Warren L. McIntire, Hamler American Legion Post 262 for forty-three years. Her hard work and dedication helped establish the junior auxiliary at Hamler. Over the course of her career, she has held almost every office for the Auxiliary at the local, county, district, and state levels. Prior to this position, Colleen served as the Auxiliary's First Vice President for the past two years.

The mission of the American Legion Auxiliary of Ohio is to "honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families". Members of the Auxiliary strive to advocate for veterans, educate citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism and peace. As President, Colleen will engage in monthly meetings, prepare newsletters, perform outreach for the community, and support the annual Buckeye Girls State program. Colleen has established challenging goals for the organization she plans to work towards during her year-long presidency.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Colleen Phillips on her assumption of duties as President of the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary and thanking her for service to our state. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I wish Colleen all the best as president and in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. THEODORE ROOSEVELT LILLY, JR.

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Theodore "Ted" Roosevelt Lilly, Jr. A beloved member of our community, Mr. Lilly's life was marked by an unwavering commitment to spreading kindness and goodwill in the town of Oakboro, North Carolina.

A lifelong resident of Oakboro, Mr. Lilly took a unique and selfless approach to serving his

community. Aside from his brief work with Stanly Knitting Mills, Mr. Lilly never maintained formal or paid employment. Instead, he chose to serve the members of his community by spreading joy and benevolence. Every day for at least the last 30 years, Mr. Lilly walked through town to visit every business and talk with customers and employees. If he happened to miss an employee, he would return to the same business later that day to speak with the individual. While walking, he made it a goal to extend a friendly welcome to any passersby he encountered. Such dedication earned Mr. Lilly the title "Ambassador of Oakboro" and made him a household name among residents.

Mr. Lilly's steadfast commitment to building relationships with those in his community was undeterred. He extended great personal sacrifice by risking his own health and safety to complete his daily rounds. His family members often had to prevent him from walking in inclement weather, and he consistently ignored any pain associated with his kidney failure or diabetes in the process of completing his walks.

Mr. Lilly passed away on October 19, 2021, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family and all who knew and loved him. I join our entire community in gratitude as we honor his extraordinary life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Ted Lilly.

IN RECOGNITION OF TINA BALLARD

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 2021

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Tina Ballard on her retirement and thank her for 30 years of dedicated federal service. Most recently, she served as the Executive Director of the Commission, an independent federal agency responsible for directing and managing the AbilityOne® Program through which federal activities purchase products and services from nonprofit agencies associated with National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and SourceAmerica®. AbilityOne Program procurements provide high quality products and services needed for the operation of the Federal Government while providing employment and training opportunities for tens of thousands of people who are blind or have other significant disabilities.

She served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Policy and Procurement) as the Army's principal acquisition and procurement policy authority for all Army acquisition programs, responsible for the management and execution of the Army's contracting function worldwide.

As Functional Chiefs Representative for the Army Contracting and Acquisition Career Program, Ms. Ballard was responsible for the re-

cruitment, training, education, and professional development of the contracting professionals who are part of the Army's acquisition workforce and industrial base policy.

As Director of Combat Support Operations and the Deputy Executive Director of Contract Management Operations in the Defense Contract Management Agency, she managed agency policy in multiple theatres of military operations.

Ballard joined the Federal service as a Stay-in-School and continued her service as a college Cooperative (Co-op) Education student. Upon graduation, she began as Contract Specialist and Procuring Contracting Officer with the Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. She later transferred to Air Force Plant Representative Office, Boeing Military Airplanes, Wichita, Kansas where she was the Principal Administrative Contracting Officer and the Director of Contract Operations.

In 1994, Tina Ballard became the Director of Pacific/Caribbean Contract Operations in DCMA International, where she served as a liaison to the Air Force Materiel Command for four years with responsibility for more than 200 personnel located in six countries. In January 1999, she accepted an assignment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense where she led several projects for the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Ballard received her B.A. in English (1980), a M.S. in Management (1989), and a M.S. in National Resource Strategy (2001). She has completed the Industrial College of the Armed Forces Senior Acquisition Course and Leadership for a Democratic Society at the Federal Executive Institute. Ballard has received the Office of the Secretary of Defense Award for Excellence, two DLA Meritorious Civilian Service Awards, and Department of the Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service (2008), Department of the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal (2003) and named the Federal Executive Association Unsung Heroine.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions Ms. Tina Ballard has made over the course of her career to the military, the commonwealth, and the country. On behalf of a grateful Nation, we wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

STOP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE MUSSELS ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduced the "Stop the Spread of Invasive Mussels Act," along with my colleague, Congressman MARK AMODEI (R-NV). Our bipartisan bill would authorize federal land management agencies to take proven, commonsense

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